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FOR RABORN FROM HUGHES

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DIA-CIA STUDY,
FOR COMPLETION IF POSSIBLE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE,
OF THE EFFECT THAT DESTRUCTION OF THE POL STORAGE FACILITIES
AT HANOI AND HAIPONG WOULD HAVE ON VIET CONG CONDUCT OF THE WAR
IN SOUTH VIETNAM. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS
TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1) WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PRESENT POL STOCKS IN NVN ARE CONTAINED
IN THE HANOI-HAIPHONG FACILITIES?

(2) WHAT PERCENTAGE OF POL CONSUMPTION IS ESTIMATED TO GO
FOR (A) CIVILIAN NEEDS, (B) MILITARY NEEDS IN NVN, (C)
INFILTRATION AND SUPPORT OF THE WAR IN SVN?

(3) WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PRESENT POL STOCKS IN NVN ARE CONTAINED
IN DISPERSED FACILITIES DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST YEAR (E.G.
BURIED TANKS, 55-GAL. DRUM DUMPS, ETC.)?

(4) WHAT IS THE SUPPORT CAPABILITY OF DISPERSED FACILITIES
FOR SUSTAINING PRESENT LEVELS OF VIET CONG INFILTRATION AND
ACTIVITY?

(5) HOW DEPENDENT ARE DISPERSED AND OTHER POL STORAGE POINTS
FOR HAIPHONG AS A POINT OF SUPPLY WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT ON
THEIR THROUGH-FLOW AS A RESULT OF TAKING OUT THE HANOI-HAIPHONG
FACILITIES?

(6) ASSUMING SOME DISPERSAL OF POL ALREADY IN PLACE ALONG THE
MAIN SUPPLY ROUTES TO SVN, WHAT WOULD BE THE VISIBLE EFFECT ON
THE WAR IN THE SOUTH OF TAKING OUT THE HANOI-HAIPHONG
FACILITIES AND WHEN WOULD IT BE DISCRIMINATE?

(7) ARE ALTERNATE MEANS OF POL SUPPLY AND STORAGE ARE
AVAILABLE TO HANOI, AND WITH WHAT EFFECT ON THE WAR (E.G.,
OVERLAND ROUTES THROUGH CHINA, OFF-SHORE TRANSSHIPMENT TO
COASTAL VESSELS, ETC.)?